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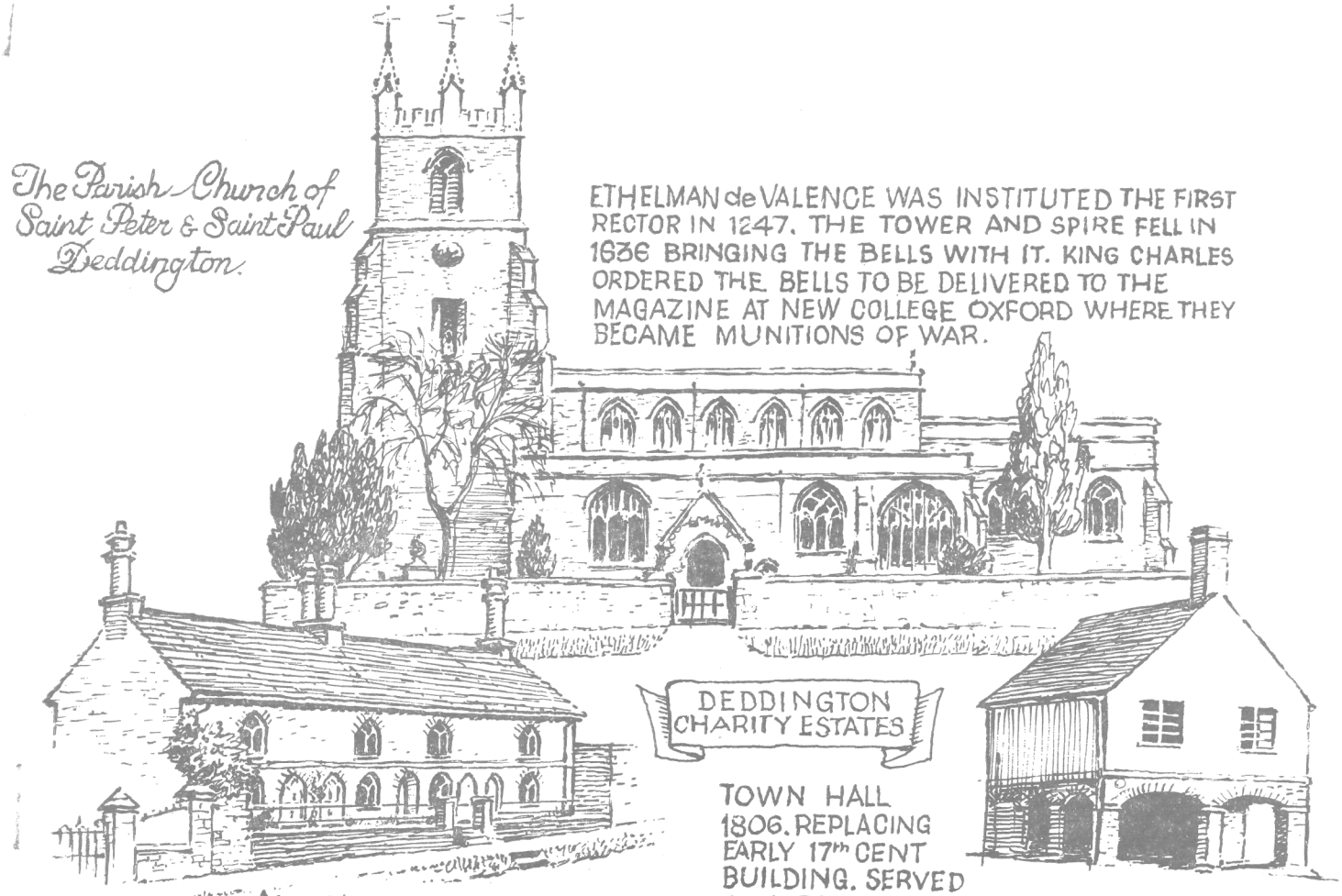

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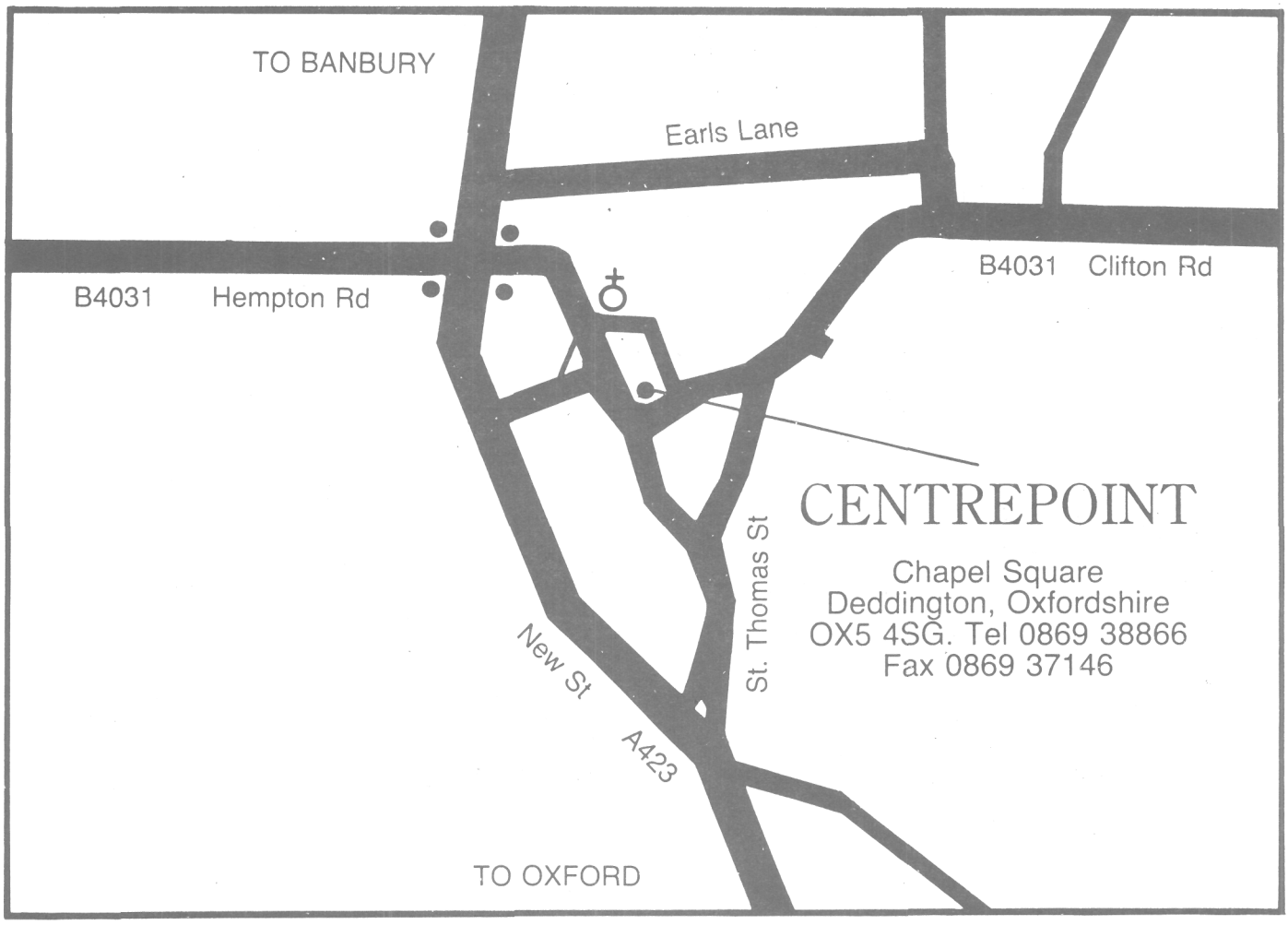

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E D I T O R I A L

The Parish Council election is on Thursday, 3 May. By the time this issue of *THE NEWS* comes out, we will all know who the candidates are. We very much hope there are at least 14, and look forward to a massive turnout on polling day.

D I A R Y

APRIL

Sat 7 Scout Group Car Wash, Bullring, 9 am to 12 noon
Sat 7 DTFC 1st team v Wroxton, Home, 2.30 pm
Sat 7 Grand Easter Barn Dance, Windmill Centre, Hookey Band, 8pm-midnight
Sat 7 British Legion - Sugar and Spice
Sun 8 PALM SUNDAY. Parish Church 8 am Holy Communion. 10.30 Matins
Mon 9-Mon 23 incl. Deddington School Easter Holiday
Wed 11 Parish Church, Holy Communion 10 am
Th 12 MAUNDY THURSDAY Parish Church Parish Eucharist 8 pm (Watch till 12)
Fri 13 GOOD FRIDAY Procession of Witness 11 am. Special Service 8 pm.
Sat 14 Skip in Earl's Lane (Check its arrival before loading car!]
Sat 14 DTFC Reserves v Bodicote Res, Home (Castle Grounds), 2.30 pm
Sat 14 Hempton Church, Short Vigil and Service 11.30 pm
Sun 15 EASTER DAY Parish Church. Eucharist 10.30 am
Mon 16 BANK HOLIDAY
Wed 18 Parish Church, Holy Communion 10 am
Th 19 DTFC v Wroxton or Comrades (Guardian Cup Final) 6 pm (prob Horton View)
Sat 21 Skip in Cosy Lane, at end of Windmill Street (check it's there)
Sat 21 British Legion - Tequila
Sun 22 Parish Church Holy Communion 8 am. Matins 10.30 am
Children's Church, Town Hall, 10.30 am (each 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday)
Annual Service of Dedication British Red Cross Society, Oxon Branch, 3pm
Hempton Church Evensong 6 pm
Sun 22 St George's Day Parade, Banbury (coach leaves Market Place 1.30 pm)
Mon 23 AGM of Windmill Community Centre, 8 pm
Mon 23 Guide meeting for Patrol Leaders and Seconds only, 7-8.30 pm
Tue 24 School term starts at Deddington School
Tue 24 COPY DATE FOR THE DEDDINGTON NEWS, MAY ISSUE
Wed 25 Parish Church, Holy Communion 10 am
Wed 25 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.15 pm
Sun 29 Parish Church Holy Communion 8 am. Matins 10.30 am

MAY

Th 3 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION
Sat 5 Publication Day for The Deddington News, May issue
Sat 5 British Legion - Don Hewitt
Mon 7 BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 7 Hempton Church Summer Bazaar (for Repair Fund) from 2 pm
Sat 12 Bowls Club Cake, Plant & Produce stall, outside Town Hall, 10 am
Sat 12 Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy in aid of Friends of the Holy Trinity (RC) Hethe Restoration Fund, Castle Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington, 10.30 am
Sat 12 Skip in Earl's Lane (check it's there]
Sat 19 Playgroup Cake Stall, outside Town Hall, 10 am
Sat 19 Skip in Cosy Lane, at end of Windmill Street (check it's there)
Wed 23 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, followed by PC Meeting, Town Hall, 7.15 pm
Mon 28 BANK HOLIDAY

D E D D I N G T O N P A R I S H C O U N C I L

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 1990, TOWN HALL, 7.15 PM
Windmill Centre 1. Gas heaters installed in advance of authorisation have now been accepted. Br. Gas to pay £100 to Windmill Centre Funds. 2. Rockwell accept responsibility for damp on south wall of Centre. 3. Peter Reynolds Assoc. have been appointed project managers for the first phase of development of the Centre and will seek tenders for work on access road, lighting, drainage and car park.
Trust Fund The Chairman drew attention to the many enquiries and complaints from Parishioners about the length of time taken to establish the Trust. It was now 13 months since attempts to set up the Trust had started. All went well at first and a Public Meeting was called last May. However, objections were lodged to the amount of money received for the land, and this led to lengthy further enquiries, negotiations and revaluations. At the moment the matter is in the hands of the Charity Commissioners and the legal authorities. It is hoped that the matter will be concluded soon. PC will ask *The Deddington News* to publish an official statement. In the meantime, it was decided that a ballot to elect Trustees should be deferred until after the PC elections in May. [AN UNFORTUNATE DELAY - EDS]
A423 Danger to pedestrians crossing the road, especially to The Grove flats. A zebra crossing would not be acceptable so near the traffic lights, so the PC will press for a pedestrian light at the present traffic lights.
Skip Lorry driver to be asked to notify CDC whenever overflow needs clearing.
Planning 1. Solar Designs, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington - major extensions to buildings and car park. PC no objection but private objections may be expected. 2. Holcombe Hotel, Deddington - extensions in garden. PC no objection, but residents adjoining the wall near these proposed buildings might well object.

D E D D I N G T O N P A R I S H C O U N C I L

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Applications in writing, as soon as possible, to G E Fenemore Esq, Chairman of Deddington Parish Council, Home Farm, Clifton, Deddington, Oxford, from whom particulars may be obtained.

BUS TOKENS - Parishioners entitled to Bus Tokens have already had a preliminary issue of £5 worth. Notices will soon be appearing in the Post Office, on the Town Hall Notice Board and elsewhere, telling them when and where to collect their remaining £10 worth, for a payment of £2.

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION - Green pre-paid Cherwell Garden Refuse Sacks may be purchased from Deddington Post Office. Garden refuse will not be collected by CDC unless it is in an 'official' Green Sack.

GRAND EASTER BARN DANCE - Saturday 7 April, 8 pm - 12 midnight, at the Windmill Community Centre. Dancing to the fabulous HOOKEY BAND playing music of the 60s and traditional barn dancing. Tickets £3 available from your sports club representative or Jenny Soddy 38298 or Joy Drake 38240. ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY.

WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM is being held on Monday 23 April at 8 pm in the Windmill Centre. The Bar will be open. Please come along to support the Centre and planned activities. NORMAN DRAKE 38240

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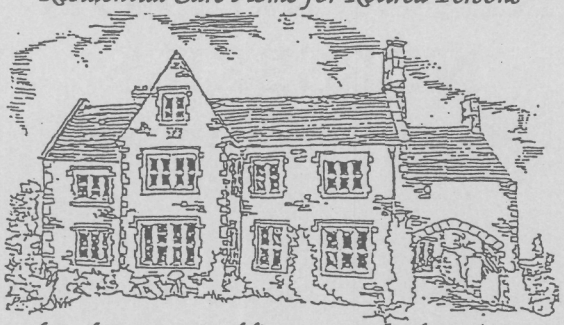

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FROM MRS LYNNE STEPHENS, DEPUTY HEAD, DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
As the end of yet another eventful term draws near, so too, sadly, does the end of an era at Deddington Primary School. John Morgan will be greatly missed by us all and I know that I speak for everyone in wishing him a final fond farewell and all good wishes for the future through the pages of *The Deddington News*, his favourite magazine.
Good luck John - hope you've forgiven us for the 'bit of a do' we held at the school on 29 March without your permission! We shall all be thinking of you next term. Bishop's Itchington don't know how lucky they are. I should also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way to make that special event possible. Without any one of you it could not have happened and you may be sure that your help was greatly appreciated. [AS ONE WHO THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE 'DO', MAY I ADD THANKS TO YOU, LYNNE, FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. BEST WISHES TO JOHN FROM ALL ON *THE DEDDINGTON NEWS* - ED.2]

FROM MRS KATHY RUSSELL, HOTEL RUSSELL, DEDDINGTON
Mrs Kathy Russell wishes to extend her sincere thanks to so many friends and well-wishers for their prayers and messages of support during the recent illness of her husband, Allen. He is making a miraculous recovery after his operation, and is now in the Neithrop Hospital where he is receiving physiotherapy.

FROM MRS JOY DRAKE, HUDSON STREET, DEDDINGTON
Jeanette Burdon and Joy Drake would like to thank everyone who came, helped or sent donations to the bring and buy coffee morning held at Corner House on Friday 9 March. It was a lovely sunny morning and so many of you came to support this event.. Enough money was raised to clear the outstanding amount that was owing - £135.46 - and when it was realised we had made £11 extra we decided to donate it to *The Deddington News*. Very many thanks to all.
[AND MANY THANKS FROM *THE DEDDINGTON NEWS* FOR A VERY GENEROUS GIFT - EDS]

FROM MRS JEAN PERREE. CHAPEL CLOSE, CLIFTON
<u>To the dog owners of Clifton and anyone who chooses to exercise their dog in the village</u> PLEASE be responsible enough to make sure that your dog does not foul on any one else's property. I don't suppose for one moment your dog is allowed to foul on your property! Over the last four or five weeks I have been absolutely nauseated to find dog mess where I put my dustbin out for collection, so that it also unpleasant for the refuse collectors. Further inspection of the grass in front of my house revealed six piles of mess, with a further two when I returned from a weekend away. My neighbour, who kindly cuts that grass, was equally nauseated. When I cut the lawn outside my lounge window there were two piles of mess in front of it with a further pile on each of the other two lawns, AND one on the back lawn!
Is it any wonder that I have put pen to paper? Something simply has to be done to prevent a recurrence of this foul situation. The only people who can prevent this are you, the dog owners. Perhaps we should set up a Neighbourhood Dog Watch so that irresponsibility can be dealt with by the law. Quite honestly, I would prefer there to be no need for such recourse. So, it is up to you, dog owners. [NEIGHBOURHOOD DOGWATCH - NOW THERE'S AN IDEA - EDS]

FROM MRS BARBARA RITCHIE, THE STILE, DEDDINGTON, TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - COPY TO *THE DEDDINGTON NEWS*
I was dismayed to see virtually the same letter to you (this time from Mrs Richards) as I had written 3½ years ago when we moved to Deddington! It is astonishing that the Berlin Wall and Iron Curtain can come down and a shift toward capitalism can occur in the Soviet Union, all in the space of 7-10 months, but Deddington cannot get a decent playground in 4 years!! Incredible!! When I wrote a letter similar to Mrs Richards' (and others) to the PC., I received a snotty letter in reply. The tone of the reply has improved only slightly, and the situation obviously hasn't at all. Yours in disgust.

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IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO US THAT AN EXCELLENT PLAYGROUND, COMPLETE WITH SWINGS, CLIMBING FRAME AND OTHER APPARATUS, ALREADY EXISTS IN THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE. WHERE? IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. THIS COMMUNITY ASSET IS NOT IN USE FOR PERHAPS 95% OF THE TIME. COULDN'T SOME WAY BE FOUND TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO YOUNGER CHILDREN? THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULTIES TO OVERCOME - SAFETY, SECURITY. AND SUPERVISION, FOR EXAMPLE - SO PERHAPS THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE SCHOOL GOVERNORS WILL GET TOGETHER AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM, WITHOUT THE NEED TO COMMIT ANY NEW MONEY - EDS

FROM MRS BERYL GREENWOOD, HIGH STREET, DEDDINGTON
I have read the comments of the retiring chairman of the Deddington Parish Council regarding the Windmill Project with particular interest to the reference that "for an investment of £21,500 the Parish Council has provided and paid for a new Community hall and its integral sports facilities, 3 double tennis courts etc..." As a former chairman of the Deddington Tennis Club, I should like to set the record straight by saying that the members of the club themselves raised almost £20,000 to cover the cost of building the 3 courts by the following means:

i paying a 5 year membership subscription
ii obtaining a loan of £2,500 from the Sports Council
iii taking out personal loans from local benefactors
iv intensive fund raising

I therefore feel it only right that the village should be aware that the tennis club has been self financing and that the Parish Council's contribution to the club extends only to the use of the land.

FROM NIGEL ODDY, EARL'S LANE, DEDDINGTON
I found George Fenemore's letter in the March issue both disappointing and insulting. I was not a member of the action group but, along with well over 100 other villagers, I contributed time and money to the effort to realise more money from the sale of the land. This was not done because of any personal animosity towards the PC but to help the community. Perhaps Mr Fenemore should thank his parishioners for their successful efforts rather than taking personal umbrage and deriding them.

FROM MRS SUE ODDY, EARL'S LANE, DEDDDINGTON
I was very dismayed to read Councillor Fenemore's letter in the March issue of *The Deddington News*. The controversial sale of the Windmill land is over and, thanks to the efforts of many parishioners, including parish councillors past and present, we now have the ability to finance many worthwile projects. Let's look to the future and learn from the past. Would it be possible, for example, for the Trust Fund to hold open meetings where ideas could be presented and discussed? [AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION - EDS]

A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL REED IN REPLY TO A MESSAGE FROM GEORGE FENEMORE
Mr Fenemore's message (in the March issue of *The Deddington News*) contains misleading information. Here are the facts.
Parish Council minutes will confirm that a large number of Parish Councillors were against the Windmill development from the beginning and voted against it. It was only when the Working Group, headed by Rob Forsyth and Richard Broadbent, resigned because of the Parish Council's interference that the PC were obliged to deal with it. Now they have £770,000 in the kitty (thanks to the action group) and are trying to claim the credit. Could Mr Fenemore explain why in September 1988's *Deddington News* the Chairman announced a settlement figure of £110,000 would be forthcoming and within 6 months this had gone up to £770,000?

The problem of Phase II was caused by the PC selling the old school buildings and land thereto WITHOUT RETAINING RIGHTS OF ACCESS & DRAINAGE to the Phase II land. I am surprised at this, knowing that at the time the Council considered

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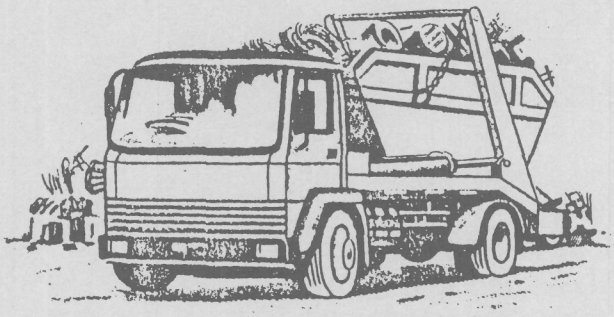

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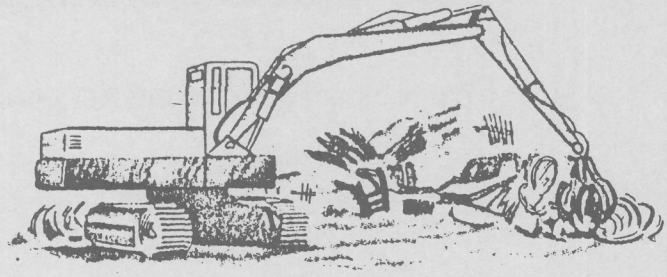

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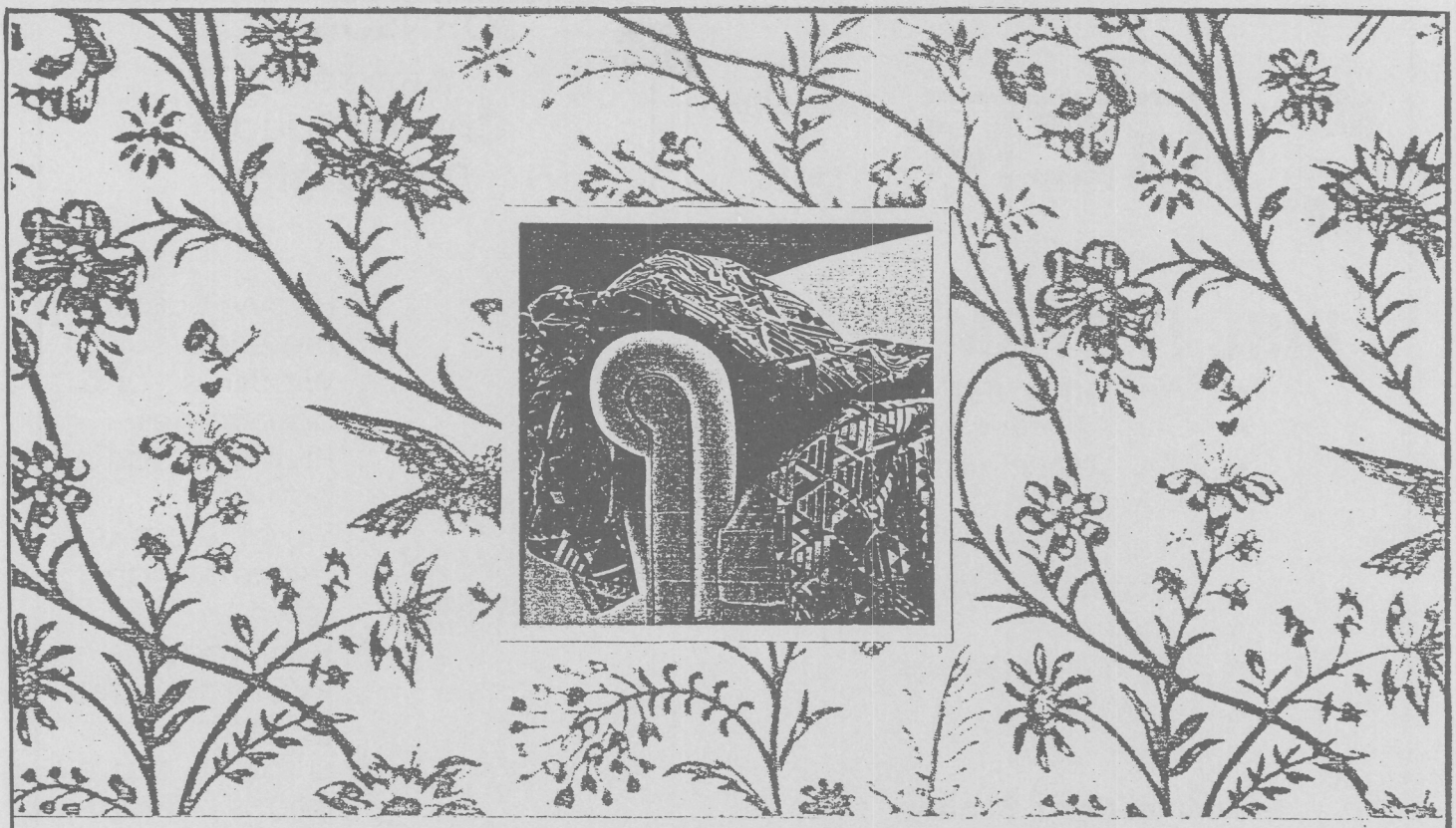

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MICHAEL REED'S LETTER continued from page 4
the contract for sale, its members included a successful property developer, an estate agent and other business people, and took legal advice. When they subsequently sold the Phase II land, they again ignored advice to retain these same rights to the land to the East of Phase II which would come under pressure for future development. The possible financial loss to the parish because of this makes the current funds held by the parish insignificant. Why did the Council not take an option on the Bishop land?

Reference is made to Indexing being over a period of 2 years. This is incorrect. The indexing covered a period of only 10 months between 2nd November 1987 and 30th September 1988. My letter to the District Valuer on this point was

"You will recall our telephone conversations and correspondence on this matter last year, and for some time I have been aware of the indexing of the land by you in accordance with the contract between the PC and Rockwell at 125% on the original value, taking the price per acre from £125,000 up to £281,256, but I have been unable to take this up with you until such time as the DOE land price statistics were available. The indexing at 125% was at the time, and still is in my view, most generous, bearing in mind that in the same period October 1987 to September 1988 the DOE recorded an increase of only 42.45%, and I enclose a copy of an extract from this week's Estate Gazette in support. Had you used the DOE index or something similar, as you might have been expected to do, then the final sum available after deductions would have been around £377,000 as against the £777,000 received. It would be appreciated if you could let me have details of the various factors which enabled you to arrive at an index of 125% when the national average was only 42½%, and what reaction you received from Rockwell during the indexing negotiations.

"You will recall also my concern that the 50% key money need not have been necessary if perusal of the existing access in ownership of the PC had been properly pursued. Such an Application was submitted to Cherwell District Council and Planning Approval granted on the 15th May, and I would appreciate your comments on this and how it may have affected your negotiations with Rockwell if this alternative access had been known at the time."

The District Valuer refused to comment. I believe he did not have a satisfactory answer. I believe that, due to the action group's pressure on the telephone and in correspondence concerning his unrealistic base figure for the land, he did the best he could to put the matter right. As a direct result of this pressure the Parishioners of Deddington are £400,000 better off.

I accept that a narrow strip of land would have had to be acquired from Oxfordshire County Council. However, this could have been combined with the release of the restrictive covenant held by OCC on the 4 acres Phase II land, which they released for only £7,500. On a pro-rata basis the strip of playgroup land would have cost about £500!.

Whatever Mr Fenemore's personal views are on using the alternative access, the FACT is that both Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council could find no VALID reason as to why the alternative access could not be used safely for both residential and leisure traffic. Mr Fenemore suggests that the scheme providing the present facilities would have been compromised by using the alternative access. He should explain himself.

As for the devastation it would have caused, this is again Mr Fenemore's personal view and he does not bother to substantiate it. A sale of the land at £3 million may have gone some way to overcoming his concern. I would suggest that there are many parishioners who would rather see £770,000 or even £3m in the village coffers than the £110,000 the Parish Council expected.

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MICHAEL REED'S LETTER continued from page 5
The District Auditor is to make a Report. When acquainted with the brief facts he felt the Parish Council's handling of the sale warranted the Report. The PC is responsible, not the action group or any individual, for the costs incurred. The Report, which I have been consulted upon for some months, is still in draft form and unfortunately will not be finalised and available for publication before the Parish Election. I hope the Parish Council will publish it in full in due course. It is highly critical of the Parish Council's handling of the sale and considers their approach sloppy and unbusinesslike, and that the Council could not be certain it had secured the most profitable arrangements for the Parish. In my view, those members of the Parish Council responsible for the handling of the sale have only one honourable course of action to take.

D E D D I N G T O N 1 5 0 Y E A R S A G O

Buffy Heywood notes that The Rev Cotton Risley, in his diaries for April 1840, tells of the placing of the order for a new organ for the Church and lists the people present at the meeting - perhaps some of the names may be of interest.

2ND APRIL - Susan and I and Ann Harwood (who seemed to live with them most of the time) went to Buckingham to pay the wedding visit to my sister, Mrs Smith. We called at Tingewick on our way thither, I found my Father I regret to write it in bed with gout after influenza and looking very unwell - but consider he may eventually be all the better for the attack.

7TH APRIL - Looked at a new four wheeled one horse phaeton.

14TH APRIL - Walked on the farm this evening after tea and found two boys bird nesting, frightened them and let them go.

16TH APRIL - attended a meeting at the Town Hall called by myself to decide on the person to be employed in building our organ. Mr Chambers of Oxford was the person agreed upon unanimously to do so. Present at the meeting, Messrs Field, H Churchill, Pritchett, Davies, Hatten, W Deane, Margetts, Fardon, W Bygrave, Herring, Heritage, Franklin, G Petty.

19TH APRIL - Susan cut part of Betsy's hair off preparatory to her head being shaved as her hair was continually falling off in consequence of her recently having had the measles very severely.

27TH APRIL - Holford's birthday, he completed his ninth year.

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE <u>Fire calls</u> During last month we received 25 calls: 1 barn fire, 1 call to controlled burning of old hay bales, 1 car fire, 1 road traffic accident, 1 chemical spillage, 3 chimney fires, 6 false alarms with good intent, 7 calls on automatic systems, and 4 calls to stand by at other fire stations. 1990 total 65. <u>Recruiting</u> We are still in the same position we were a year ago with only 9 personnel on Station, and only 4 available in the day time. I am sorry to say the last recruit failed to fulfil his contract and has therefore been dismissed from the service. Therefore we are still just as desperate as we ever were for more firefighters, and as of now we have not had anyone enquire. <u>Predetermined attendance</u> Some people seem to think that the Fire Service over-react with the number of appliances they send to certain incidents, but may I point out that there are laid down criteria as to how many attend each type of incident. For example a chimney fire is only 1 appliance, whereas a chip pan fire is called a house fire (and can quite easily develop into one) therefore 2 appliances are initially mobilised. A car fire is only 1 machine, whereas a lorry is 2 machines. A road traffic accident with persons trapped is 1 pumping appliance plus the rescue tender. A chemical incident is 2 pumping appliances, the chemical incident unit and 1 further pumping appliance to supply the chemical incident unit with water for the shower unit. Sometimes extra appliances are not needed and are stopped by way of a radio message before they reach the incident, but a lot of the time they ARE needed and it is better for them to be already mobile than for us to have to ask for them when we arrive at a job as valuable minutes are saved. So the next time anyone sees 2 or even 3 appliances turn up at an incident and perhaps 2 drive away without doing anything, remember that it is the predetermined attendance procedure, and it better to have them there and not require them than it is to have to wait for them.

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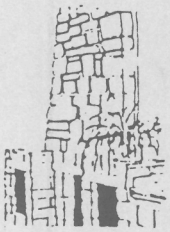

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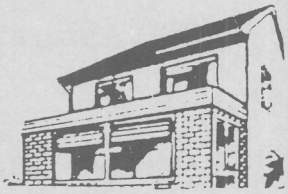

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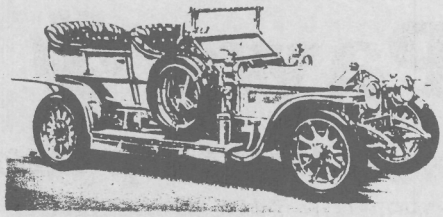

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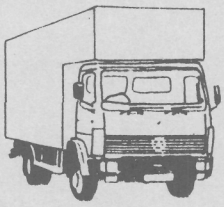

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Services this month include *PALM SUNDAY* 8 APRIL 10.30 am in Deddington Church, with distribution of palms and, instead of the usual readings and sermon, a dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative, produced by Mrs Vivien Edmunds. *MAUNDY THURSDAY* 12 APRIL 8 pm During the Eucharist in Deddington, a re-enactment of Christ's washing of the disciples' feet. The Congregational and Wesleyan Churches will be joining us for this service. Afterwards there will be Watch till midnight, during which you are invited to come into Church to say a prayer or to meditate for a while. *GOOD FRIDAY* 13 APRIL. Members of the Anglican, Congregational and Weslyan Churches will unite for a Walk of Witness. We shall meet in the Parish Church at 11 am and walk from there to the Weslyan Church, the Green by the Town Hall, the Congregational Church. At each place there will be a reading, a prayer and a hymn. At the end there will be soup and rolls for all the walkers. In the evening there will be special service of readings and music at 8 pm in the Parish Church. *EASTER EVE*, 14 APRIL 11.30 pm in Hempton Church, a short vigil followed by the Service of Light and the Easter Eucharist. *EASTER DAY*, 15 APRIL 10.30 am in Deddington Church, family Sung Eucharist.
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING, 19 APRIL, 7.30 pm, Deddington Primary School - a very important meeting for all who attend and support Deddington and Hempton Churches. Please make a special effort to attend. *THE RED CROSS*, Oxon Branch, annual Service of Dedication in Deddington Parish Church on 22 APRIL at 3 pm. *CHILDREN'S CHURCH*: Calling young people and their parents. In Deddington Church we plan to start Children's Church on 22 APRIL. On that day and every 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday in the month at 10.30 am there will be special activities for children in the Town Hall. Parents are invited to leave children there on their way to Church and they will be brought into Church before the end of the service A team of adults, many with experience of working with young people, will organise the activities in the Town Hall. On *SUNDAY 6 MAY* and every first Sunday in the month, a family service at 10.30 am for approx 30-40 minutes, followed by the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion. Parents with their children are invited to stay for the whole service but may leave at the end of the first part.

FUNERAL 16 March - Edward Frank FREEMAN, aged 87 years. Frank and his wife, Daisy, lived most of their married life in Hampton Poyle. They moved into St Anne's Residential Home, Clifton, in June last year. Frank spent most of his working life as an employee of Smith and Son of Bletchingdon. We extend our sympathy to Daisy and other relatives. KEN REEVES VICAR 38329

MOTHER'S UNION A group of us enjoyed visiting Souldern MU to listen to an interesting talk on Traditional Church Embroidery. Our Branch was pleased to entertain the Deanery at the annual Quiet Evening, usually held on or near Lady Day. This year it was held in Hempton Church and led by our Vicar, Rev Ken Reeves. The meeting on 3 May will be at the home of Mrs Harper, Whitegates, Philcote Street, Deddington, when we shall hear about our overseas work in Zaire from Mrs Irene Cole of Adderbury. JEAN WARD 810723

MEALS ON WHEELS are provided by the school during term time, but volunteers from the community cook during holidays and half terms. The Mothers' Union started the holiday cooking, but it has become a wider concern in our community. More volunteers are urgently needed to keep this going. It is an easy task and only comes round once or twice a year. If you could help, would you please ring me for the details. STELLA MARMION 38834

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Summer Bazaar. How many copper coins do you actually need to make a mile, do you know ? We don't, but we invite everyone to help us find out on Bank Holiday Monday, 7 May, at 2 o'clock. This and other fun and games will help to boost the Church Repair Fund.

We were encouraged by a good crowd at the Mothering Sunday evening service - the posies and other decorations looked beautiful; thanks to those who prepared them all.

Sunrise lights the eastern skies, but Hempton, in the Western extremity of the parish, will herald in the light of Easter, with the Special Service on Saturday evening, 14 April, at 11.30 pm.

Thanks to those who contacted me about pictures of old Hempton. If you look carefully near the post box you can still detect remains in the wall of the substantial and attractive stone house which formerly stood on that site.

JOHN WEBBER 38508

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Easter Egg Raffle - You may have noticed that Mr and Mrs Smith at the Post Office have kindly organised the raffle of a beautiful easter egg in a basket, with the proceeds going towards Playgroup Funds. The raffle will be drawn shortly before Easter so, if you have not done so already, please support us by purchasing a ticket or two. Once again we wish to express our grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Smith.

Summer Term Playgroup Outing - On Monday 9 July the children, accompanied by mums, are going by coach to Blenheim Park for a picnic and fun day out. If there are any mums with toddlers who would like to join us, please contact a committee member.

KAREN ROBERTSON Secretary 38081

TENNIS CLUB

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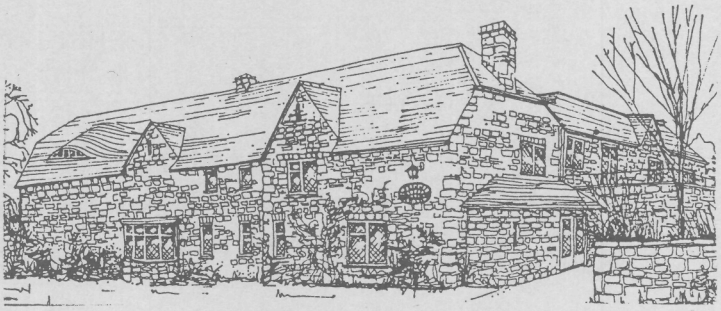

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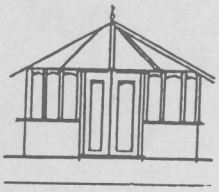

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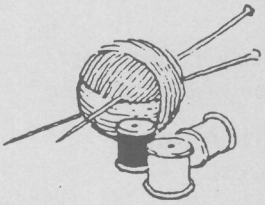

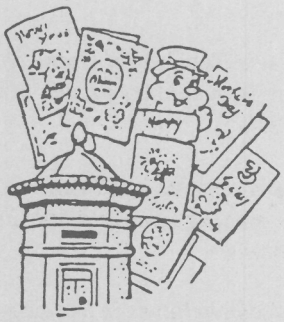

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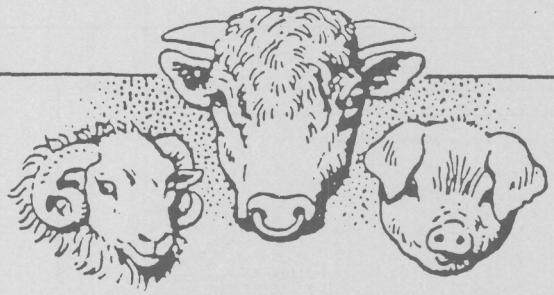

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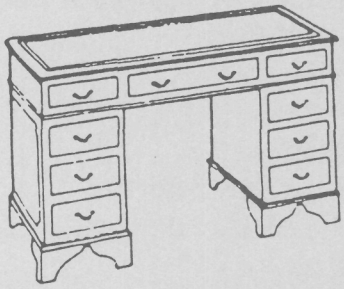

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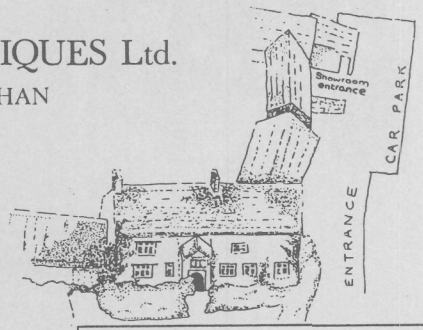

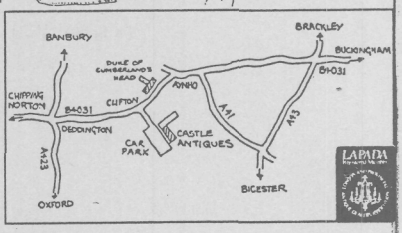

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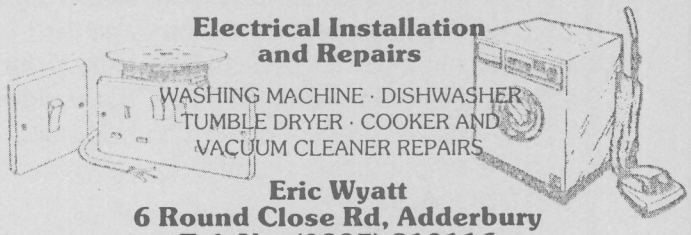

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DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We were pleased to welcome to the Unit this month Lorna Merrick at her enrolment ceremony and Katie Wilson newly moved to the village. We have been busy finishing some badge work and several guides have now gained hostess, challenge and cook badges. As a group we have joined the Junior RSPCA and our secretary, Rachel Hall, has been keeping us posted on all the events and projects we can take part in. The senior guides made up some very realistic wounds one evening for a first aid training session, and have planned an evening hike which will have the added incentive of an Easter egg hunt !

Our Young Leader, Alison, has kept the guides busy with knotty problems - we're getting the hang of it now, I think. Well done to those attending church for Mothering Sunday - smart turnout - congratulations to colour parties and sidesmen. Hope to have a super turnout for St George's Day, on Sunday 22 April. Coach leaves Market Place at 1.30 pm. Back about 6 pm. Next meeting Monday 23 April, 7 - 8.30 pm, Patrol Leaders and Seconds only.

MAGGIE RAMPLEY 0295 810069

SCOUT NEWS

The Scouts entered a team in the District Football competition at the Spiceball Centre. We were represented by Ben Townsend, Ian Hope, Stuart Bryant, Thomas Dew and Sam Burden. They were unlucky with some of the results. With several good wins and close results in other matches, they were doing well. Unfortunately Thomas became unwell during the afternoon and after trying to carry on was forced to stop playing. This left the troop with a member short which showed in the last games. A good effort. With luck, next time we'll do better.

The Colour Party at the Mothering Sunday Service - Ben Townsend, James Pickard and Dale Hodgekins - were, as usual, a credit to the troop. Other members were in the Church and School Choirs, or helped with collections and handing out books. Thanks to all the parents who came and supported us. Our next parade will be the annual St George's Day Parade in Banbury on Sunday afternoon 22 April, when we hope to have a good turnout. It's on this day that you realise just how many Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Leaders there are in the Banbury area.

We are again approaching Scout Job Week. As I have said before, this is a time when the Cubs and Scouts are able to raise funds for the Group and also provide a service. Please support them by giving them a job when they call. They should in the first instance be at least in part uniform and with an official 'Job Week' card for you to fill in. We do advise the boys to only approach people they know, so if you have a job and know a Cub or Scout parent, how about asking them to get their son to call on you.

ALAN RAMPLEY Scout Leader 0295 810069

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

March is the time for our AGM, and procedure has to be followed according to the rules. That means the minutes of the last annual meeting have to be read and approved, and it is hard to remember what was said a year ago. Then the minutes of the last month's meeting are read and approved - we remembered that all right. The President gives a report, and we were pleased to hear that she, Mrs Ivings, will be President for another year. Then comes re-election of the Committee. This time two members retired, and two new ones joined the remaining committee members. We are still short of volunteers willing to serve. It is not an arduous job, and I can say from years of experience that one feels much more involved if one serves for a time. It has now been proposed that two committee members shall retire each year, so we may get a better turnover and some new thoughts on how to run our Institute. During the latter part of the evening Mrs Elsley organised a Quiz which was won by Mrs Harris and Mrs Smith.
Next meeting 10 April 7.30 pm at Holly Tree Club.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

C A L L I N G A L L C L U B S - Part 3

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Results - First Team

3 Mar	Cropredy (Supplementary Cup)	Away		0-0	
10 Mar	Charlton (Tysoe Cup)	Home	Lost	3-6	(N Foster 2, A Gaw)
17 Mar	Ruscote Reserves	Away	Won	2-0	(A Shepherd, S Shepherd)
24 Mar	Charlton	Home	Won	2-0	(A Shepherd, A Gaw)

Results - Reserves

3 Mar	Banbury Cross	Away	Lost	0-4	
10 Mar	Hook Norton Reserves	Away	Lost	0-4	
17 Mar	Bodicote Sports Reserves	Away	Lost	2-7	(D Cowley 2)
25 Mar	Freeland Res (C.Nor.Eng.Cup)	Away	Lost	3-4	(C Doggett, A Shepherd 1OG)

Fixtures

7 APR 1st Team v Wroxton Res Home 2.30pm *14 APR* Res v Bodicote Res Home 2.30pm *THUR 19 APR* Guardian Cup Final - make a note in your diary - Deddington Town v Wroxton or Comrades. KO 6 pm. Venue likely to be Horton View, Banbury.

220 Club Winners

47	T Gillam	095	£20	50	A Ward	170	£20	1	M Westbury	094	£20
	M Smith	132	£10		V Beale	002	£10		F Belsham	042	£10
48	A Munson	149	£20	51	P Trinder	033	£20	2	Mrs Godfrey	028	£20
	Mrs Freeman	173	£10		O Beauchamp	188	£10		Mrs S Spencer	181	£10
49	D Bolton	163	£20	52	Mrs Sykes	145	£20	3	T Doggett	108	£20
	A Bowen	051	£10		F Belsham	018	£10		M Westbury	094	£10

CLIFF SMITH Hon Sec 38647

BARFORD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Since November we have been fortunate enough to have the use of the pitch and facilities at the Windmill Centre, where we play all our home games. Throughout the season we have maintained a steady 4th place in Division I of the Banbury and District Football League.

The pitch has proved to be excellent due to the good drainage. On a very wet Saturday, 10 February, we were to have played at Shipston but due to their pitch being waterlogged we reversed the fixture and the match was played at Deddington making our game one of the very few to be played that day in all of the four divisions of the league. Shipston Excelsior were delighted we were able to do this.

All visiting teams have complimented us on the ground and facilities as have committee members of the Banbury and District Football League, saying it is of Premier Division standard. Barford United and myself appreciate what we have and will continue to help maintain these standards for our supporters and visitors to enjoy.

PETER SVENSON (Manager)

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8 Tue	Chadlington	6.00pm	H	3R
12 Sat	Lower Heyford	5.00pm	A	4T
15 Tue	Banbury Boro	6.15pm	H	3R
19 Sat	Middle Barton	5.30pm	A	3R
23 Wed	Burma Star	6.00pm	H	3R

JUNE

2 Sat	Bloxham	4.30pm	A	4T
9 Sat	Hook Norton	5.30pm	H	3R
14 Th	Witney Town	6.30pm	A	4T
16 Sat	Wychwood	4.30pm	H	3R
19 Tue	Banbury Chestnuts	6.30pm	A	3R
23 Sat	Lower Heyford	5.00pm	H	3R
26 Tue	Banbury Central	6.15pm	H	3R
30 Sat	Shipston Eng	5.00pm	H	3R

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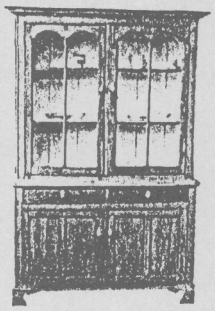

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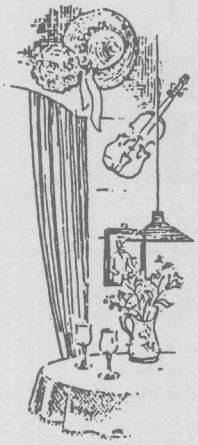

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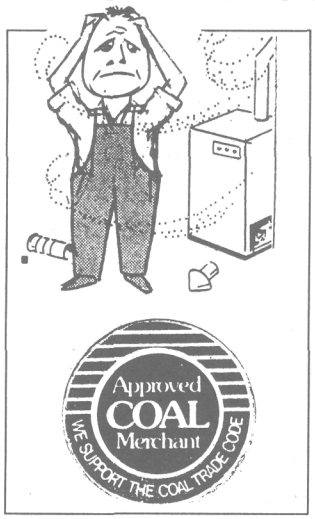

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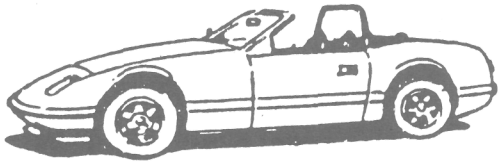

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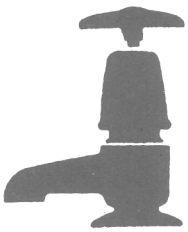

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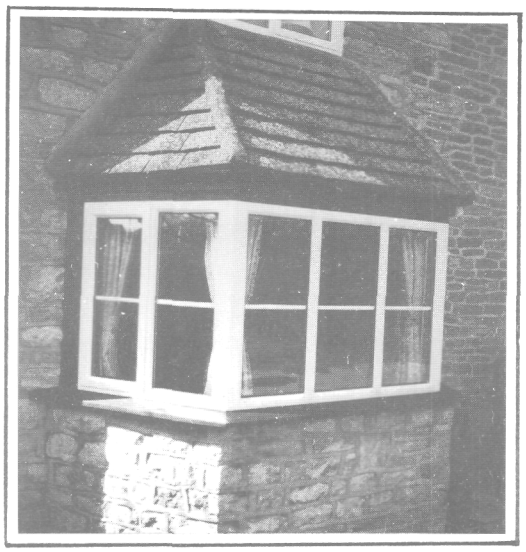

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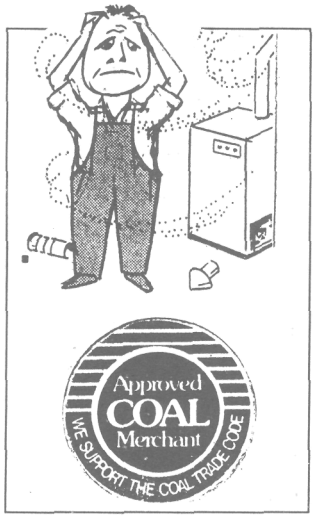

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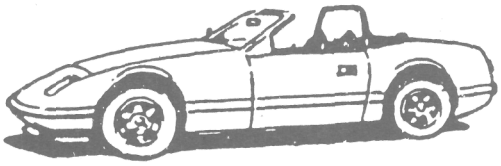

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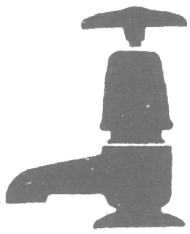

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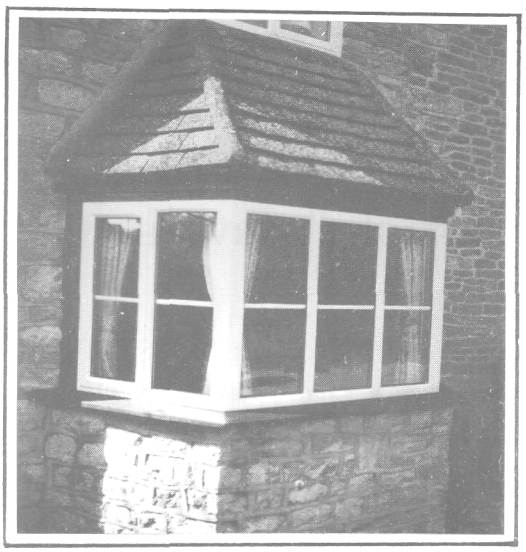

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